GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services – P.R. & R.D. Department - Allegations of irregularities and missing of Sand quantity of 17,333.19 mts worth of Rs.65.00 lakhs meant for construction of Government priority Building works in PRI Sub-Division, Yerragondapalem, Prakasam District – Disciplinary proceedings against **Sri G. Ratan Babu,** the then Deputy Executive Engineer, PRI Sub-Division, Yerragondapalem, presently working as Executive Engineer, PIU Division, Ongole under Rule 20 of A.P. Civil Services (CC&A) Rules, 1991- Articles of charge - Issued.

PANCHAYAT RAJ & RURAL DEVELOPMENT (VIG.II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.444 **Dated:07.08.2024.**
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G.O.Rt.No.443, PR&RD (Vig.II) Department, Dt:07.08.2024.

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ORDER:

In pursuance of the sanction accorded by the Government for instituting common disciplinary proceedings under Rule 24 of A.P.C.S (CC&A) Rules, 1991, among others, against **Sri G. Ratan Babu**, the then Deputy Executive Engineer, PRI Sub-Division, Yerragondapalem, presently working as Executive Engineer, PIU Division, Ongole, vide reference read above, it is proposed to hold an enquiry against him in accordance with the procedure laid down in Rule 20 of the A.P. Civil Services (CC&A) Rules, 1991.

2. The substance of the imputation of misconduct or misbehavior in respect of which the enquiry is proposed to hold is set out in the enclosed statement of Article of charge (Annexure-I). A statement of the imputations of misconduct or misbehavior in support of article of charge is enclosed (Annexure-II). A list of documents by which, and a list of witnesses by whom, the Article of charges are proposed to be sustained are enclosed (Annexure-III & IV).

3. **Sri G. Ratan Babu**, the then Deputy Executive Engineer, PRI Sub-Division, Yerragondapalem, presently working as Executive Engineer, PIU Division, Ongole is directed to submit his written statement of defense within (10) days of the receipt of this order.

4. **Sri G. Ratan Babu**, the then Deputy Executive Engineer, PRI Sub-Division, Yerragondapalem, presently working as Executive Engineer, PIU Division, Ongole, is informed that an enquiry will be held only in respect of those articles of charge, which are not admitted. He should, therefore, specifically admit or deny article of charge.

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5. **Sri G. Ratan Babu**, the then Deputy Executive Engineer, PRI Sub-Division, Yerragondapalem, presently working as Executive Engineer, PIU Division, Ongole is further informed that if he does not submit his written statement of defense on or before the date specified in Para-3 above, or does not appear in person before the inquiring authority or otherwise fails or refuses to comply with the provisions of Rule 20 of the A.P.C.S. [CC&A] Rules, 1991, or the orders/directions issued in pursuance of the said rules, the inquiring authority may hold the inquiry against him ex-parte.

6. Attention of **Sri G. Ratan Babu**, the then Deputy Executive Engineer, PRI Sub-Division, Yerragondapalem, presently working as Executive Engineer, PIU Division, Ongole, is invited to Rule 24 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964, under which no Government servant shall bring or attempt to bring any political or outside influence to bear upon any superior authority to further his interest in respect of matter pertaining to his service under the Government. If any representation is received on his behalf from another person in respect of any matter dealt with these proceedings, it will be presumed that he is aware of such a representation and that it has been made at his instance and action will be taken against him for violation of Rule 24 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

7. The receipt of this G.O. may be acknowledged.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

SHASHI BHUSHAN KUMAR
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj, A.P., Vijayawada.
Sri G. Ratan Babu, the then Deputy Executive Engineer, PRI Sub-Division, Yerragondapalem, presently working as Executive Engineer, PIU Division, Ongole
through the Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj, AP, Vijayawada
(with a request to serve the charges on the individual and furnish a served copy to Govt.,)

Copy to:
The Secretary to VC, A.P. Vigilance Commission, Velagapudi.
The Collector & District Magistrate, Prakasam District.
The Superintending Engineer, Panchayat Raj Circle, Ongole, Prakasam District.
The PR&RD (Estt.I) Department.
SF/SC.

//FORWARDED::BY ORDER//

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ANNEXURE-I

STATEMENT SHOWING THE ARTICLE OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST **SRI G. RATAN BABU**, THE THEN DEPUTY EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, PRI SUB-DIVISION, YERRAGONDAPALEM, PRESENTLY WORKING AS EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, PIU(PR) DIVISION, ONGOLE

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CHARGE:

That **Sri G. Ratan Babu**, Executive Engineer, PIU (PR) Division, Ongole, while working as Deputy Executive Engineer, PRI Sub-Division, Yerragondapalem during the period from 17.07.2019 to 25.11.2021 AN, has committed certain irregularities and colluded with Mandal Engineers and is accountable for diversion and misutilizaton of 17333.19 Mts of Sand procured for Government Priority Buildings and Other works in PRI Sub-Division, Yerragondapalem and caused loss of Rs.65.00 lakhs to the Government exchequer as shown below:

Sl. No	Name of the Mandal	Total Indent sand qty in Mts	Total approved and qty in Mts	Total Generated sand qty in Mts	Quantity issued to the agency in Mts.	Missing quantity of sand in Mts.	Financial Loss Occurred to Govt. (In Lakhs)
1.	Dornala	8905.85	8905.85	6628.00	3781.78	2846.22	10.67
2.	Pedda Araveedu	7203.30	7203.30	4303.86	2303.75	2000.11	7.50
3.	Pullalacheruvu	9577.98	9577.98	7079.81	4540.38	2539.43	9.52
4.	Tripuranthakam	13010.26	13010.26	8058.59	3108.51	4950.08	18.56
5.	Y Palem	14463.78	14463.78	9177.23	4179.88	4997.35	18.74
	Total PRI SD Y.Palem	**53161.17**	**53161.17**	**35247.49**	**17914.30**	**17333.19**	**64.99**

Sri G. Ratan Babu, the then Deputy Executive Engineer, PRI Sub-Division, Yerragondapalem and presently working as Executive Engineer, PIU Division, Ongole misappropriated Government Sand quantity 17333.19 Mts worth Rs.65.00 lakhs and caused wrongful loss with a malafide intention by cheating and he has engaged himself in activities prejudicial to the interests of the State and found guilty and violated the APCS (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

Thus, by his above mentioned acts, **Sri G. Ratan Babu**, the then Deputy Executive Engineer, PRI Sub-Division, Yerragondapalem and presently working as Executive Engineer, PIU Division, Ongole failed to discharge his duties, exhibited lack of devotion to duty and lack of integrity and behaved in a manner unbecoming of a Government servant and thereby contravened Rule 3(1) and 3(2) of APCS (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

Hence the Charge.

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ANNEXURE-II

STATEMENT OF IMPUTATIONS OF MISCONDUCT IN SUPPORT OF THE ARTICLE OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST **Sri G. RATAN BABU**, THE THEN DEPUTY EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, PRI SUB-DIVISION, YERRAGONDAPALEM, PRESENTLY WORKING AS EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, PIU DIVISION, ONGOLE

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The Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj, has furnished a report in letter Dated:21.10.2023 duly furnishing report of the Executive Engineer, PR Division, Markapur dated:23.09.2023 submitted to the Collector & District Magistrate, Prakasam District and reported the missing quantity of Sand in PRI Sub-Division, Yerragondapalem meant for Government Priority Building works and Other works. In continuation, the Executive Engineer, PR Division, Markapur vide his further letter dt:28.03.2024 has reported that the Deputy Executive Engineer, PRI Sub Division, Yerragondapalem has submitted Sand utilization abstract and missing of Sand as shown below:

Sl. No	Name of the Mandal	Total Indent sand qty in Mts	Total approved and qty in Mts	Total Generated sand qty in Mts	Quantity issued to the agency in Mts.	Missing quantity of sand in Mts.	Financial Loss Occurred to Govt. In Lakhs
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As per the reports of the Executive Engineer, PR Division, Markapur and the Collector and District Magistrate, Ongole in his letter dt:26.09.2023 that following PR Engineers are found responsible for misappropriation of Government sand and caused loss to the Government exchequer:

i. Sri G. Ratan Babu, the then DEE, PRI SD Yerragondapalem, presently working as EE, PIU Division, Ongole.
ii. Sri N. Venkateswarlu, Site Engineer, MPP, Tripuranthakam
iii. Sri P. Mahankalaiah, AEE, MPP, Yerragondapalem
iv. Sri T. Nagappa, AE, MPP, Pullalacheruvu.
v. Sri B. Srinivasa Rao, the then AE, MPP, Dornala (expired on 11.05.2021)

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The Deputy Executive Engineer (FAC), PRI Sub-Division, Yerragondapalem who is successor to the Sri G. Ratan Babu, the then Dy.EE, PRI SD, Yerragondapalem has submitted a report in letter No. SA/Sand.Report/2023, dated: 03.02.2024 to the Executive Engineer, PR Division, Markapur certifying that only 17914.30 Mts of Sand reached to work spots out of 35247.49 Mts of Sand supplied and the balance quantity of Sand 17333.19 Mts did not reach to work spots. The same fact was confirmed by the then EE, PR Markapur in his letter Lr.No.A3/500/2020 Dt:28.03.2024 submitted to the SE, PR, Ongole.

Thus **Sri G.Ratan Babu**, EE, PIU Division, Ongole while working as Dy.EE, PRI Sub-Division, Yerragondapalem during the period from 17.07.2019 to 25.11.2021 AN is responsible for missing of Sand quantity of 17333.19 Mts worth of Rs.65.00 lakhs meant for construction of Government Priority Buildings works and other works in PRI Sub-Division, Yerragondapalem and caused wrongful loss with malafide intention to defraud the Government with a view to misappropriate the Government Sand quantity 17333.19 Mts worth of RS.65.00 lakhs by cheating.

Sri G.Ratan Babu, EE, PIU Division, Ongole and while working as Dy.EE, PRI Sub-Division, Yerragondapalem being a Government servant has not maintained the expected reasonable and decent standard of conduct and brought discredit to his service by his misdemeanor as per APCS (CC&A) Rules, 1991.

Thus, with the above mentioned acts he has failed to discharge his duties, exhibited lack of integrity, indiscipline, not shown devotion to duty and exhibited conduct unbecoming of a Government Servant or derogatory to the prestige of Govt., and thereby contravened Rules 3(1) and 3(2) of APCS Rules, 1964.

Hence, the charge.

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ANNEXURE-III

List of documents by which the Article of Charge framed against **Sri. G.Ratan Babu,** E.E. P.I.U. Division, Ongole (formerly DY.E.E. PRI SD, Yerragondapalem) of Prakasam District are proposed to be sustained.

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1. Letter Rc.No.A3/500/2020 Dt: 23.09.2023 of the E.E., PR Division, Markapur addressed to the Collector & District Magistrate, Ongole.
2. Letter Rc.No.T5/Sand/2023-24 Dt: 26.09.2023 of the Collector & District Magistrate, Ongole addressed to the ENC,PR Vijayawada.
3. Letter No.SA/Sand/Report/2023 Dt: 03.02.2024 of the Dy.E.E., PRI Sub Division, Y.Palem addressed to EE PR Markapur.
4. Letter No.A3/500/2020 Dt: 28.03.2024 of the E.E., PR Division, Markapur addressed to SE PR Ongole.
5. Sand Utilization certificates issued by Engineering Assistants

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ANNEXURE-IV

List of Witnesses by whom the Article of Charge framed against **Sri G.Ratan Babu**, EE P.I.U. Division, Ongole (Formerly DY.E.E. PRI SD, Yerragondapalem) of Prakasam District are proposed to be sustained.

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